



Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge



Trail Comparison Chart

Trail Name	Round Trip Distance & Time	Difficulty	Notes
Chupadera Wilderness National Recreation Trail	9.5 miles / 4-5 hours	Strenuous (1800 feet elevation gain)	Please plan your trip to make sure you are back by dark. Dawn departures are suggested in the summer when temperatures can exceed 100° F. by midday or afternoon thunderstorms make hiking dangerous. Take precautions, and remember you are in rattlesnake country. Light colored clothing, a hat, sunscreen, and hiking boots are recommended. At any time of the year you should carry plenty of water.
Chupadera Loop Trail	1 mile / 1-2 hours	Moderate	
Canyon National Recreation Trail	2.2 miles / 1-2 hours	Moderately strenuous	The Canyon Trail is a fun, but challenging hike for families and school groups. Look for the natural arch in the sandstone and test your track identification skills in the soft, sandy areas of the trail.
Marsh Overlook Trail	1.5 miles / 0.5 – 1 hour	Easy - moderate	This is an accessible trail except for the spur. Insect repellent is recommended spring through fall.
Marsh Boardwalk Trail	0.75 miles / 0.5 hours	Easy	The trail up to and including the wooden boardwalk is accessible, but the extension that winds through the upland and connects with the Marsh Overlook Trail is not. This boardwalk provides a safer fishing area for children than the ditches, which have flowing water and steep banks.
Rio Viejo Trail	1.7 miles / 0.7 – 1 hour	Easy	This trail may be temporarily closed or inaccessible due to muddy conditions in the spring or summer. Mosquito repellent is highly recommended spring through fall.
John P. Taylor Jr. Memorial Trail	1 mile / 0.5 – 1 hour	Easy	This is an accessible trail. The dedication plaque at the end of the trail features an image of the bosque and cranes from 1846 that inspired John Taylor's restoration vision.